

Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 @ 6:30 pm  
Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting  
Place: MHS Room 42

Present: Monti Crowley, Matthew Kahm, Karen Loucks, Dr. Diana Maguire, Dr. Mathanakaran, Maggie Nuss, Scott Simpson, Michele Spring, Cait Conroy (Student Board Member), Madison Bartholomew (Student BOE Member)

Absent: Crystal Wilczewski

Tony Giannicchi-Superintendent of Schools; Daniele Vecchio-Business Administrator; Kristin Colburn-District Clerk; Kevin Straub-Director of Technology

Others Present: 3 visitors

1) Call to Order

**Call to Order**

2) Pledge to Flag

**Pledge**

3) Oath of Office-Cait Conroy, Student Board of Education  
Oath of Office-Madison Bartholomew, Student Board of Education

**Oath of Office**

4) Changes to Agenda-None

5) Public Comment- *The Public Comment section is a time set aside for the community to speak directly to the Board of Education. As per policy 1510, each speaker is given three minutes, with the total allotted time to last no more than 30 minutes. When called, please stand up and state your name and address. Please be respectful in your comments and do not divulge any personal or confidential information. Please demonstrate respect by speaking to the issues, sharing ideas and opinions, but not engaging in personal attacks. Board members, the superintendent and administrators will not answer specific questions or engage in dialogue. The information shared will be carefully considered and the appropriate person will contact you. Rest assured, we are listening carefully, and take seriously what you have to say. The Board appreciates your willingness to share your concerns/celebrations.*

6) Approve Agenda

Motion by Simpson Second by Mathanakaran  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the agenda of the September 1, 2026, Board of Education Meeting.

**Motion-To Adopt  
BOE Agenda**

8 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

7) Congrats/Celebrations-

**Congrats/  
Celebration**

- a) The elementary school received a generous donation from Walmart during their grand re-opening event in August. Walmart donated cleaning supplies, crayons, markers, colored pencils, fidgets and other student supplies to help us start up the school year. We are very thankful for their generosity.
- b) We are so excited for our hallways to be buzzing with energy and excitement for a new school year! A huge thanks to all of our maintenance crews and secretarial staff who worked so hard all summer to prep for a great school year to come! Here's to a great year!

8) Consent Agenda:

Motion by Loucks Second by Spring  
To approve the Consent Agenda.

**Motion-Approval of  
Consent Agenda**

- a) Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meetings on August 18, 2026.
- b) Action Items – Personnel

**Substitute Teachers**

Chad Lyter  
Holley Chase  
Aiden Gardiner  
Theresa Wells

**Substitute Teacher Aides**

Holley Chase  
Aiden Gardiner  
Theresa Wells

**Substitute Food Service Worker**

Aiden Gardiner

**School Volunteers**

Nora Warrior

- c) Action Items – Business

**Disposal of Obsolete Items**

(54) ONfinity MC2 Max  
(1) Altec Lansing Speakers  
(1) Ipevo Iggy

- (3) Ubiquiti NanoBeam
- (2) LigoPTP 5-23 Unity
- (2) ClearTouch 6075K+

**UPB Student Observation Hours**

William Benatovich with Noah Steinbroner-September 8, 2026-December 22, 206

Cross Country Invitational overnight trip-September 25, 2026-September 26, 2026 to Queensbury, NY

Approval of Girls Flag Football Team for Spring Sports Season

- d) CSE Minutes-August 19, 2026, August 24, 2026 and August 25, 2026  
504 Minutes-August 24, 2026

8 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

9) Discussion

**Discussion**

- a) First Reading Revised Policy 3290-Operation of Motor-Driven Vehicles on District Property
- b) First Reading Revised Policy 5676-Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data
- c) First Reading New Policy 7515-Diapering and Toileting of Students in the District

10) Superintendent's Report-

**Superintendent's Report**

- a) First Staff Day back today-speaker at Olean City School District; staff brunch back at ALES; 9/2 will be second staff day
- b) Construction project-putting the grass on football field currently; track possibly next week

11) President's Report-

**President's Report**

- a) Reminder-September 15 at ALES Cafeteria, tour at 6 pm, meeting at 6:30 pm

12) Student Board Member Report-First Open House Day for MHS-

**Student BOE Report**

student life is alive and well and sports teams are back in session; Senior Sunrise on 9/3 on the MHS Turf Field

13) Committee Reports-None

14) Correspondence-None

15) Action Item- Personnel

- a) Motion by Nuss Second by Loucks Motion-Approval of Tenure  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the tenure appointment of **Joy Wilber**, who holds a NYS Initial Music certificate, in the Music tenure area, effective November 8, 2026.
- 8 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried
- b) Motion by Simpson Second by Crowley Motion-Approval of Tenure  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the tenure appointment of **Patrick (Damon) Bouge**, who holds a NYS Permanent School Psychologist certificate, in the School Psychologist tenure area, effective November 28, 2026.
- 8 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried
- c) Motion by Nuss Second by Crowley Motion-Approval of Appointment  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Ammiel Benedict** to the 10-month, part-time probationary position of Teacher Aide, per ALESPA Agreement. The probation period will begin September 1, 2026, and end September 1, 2027.
- 8 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried
- d) Motion by Kahm Second by Spring Motion-Approval of Appointment  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Samantha Gibbons** to the 10-month, part-time probationary position of Teacher Aide, per ALESPA Agreement. The probation period will begin September 1, 2026, and end September 1, 2027.
- 8 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried
- e) Motion by Nuss Second by Simpson Motion-Approval of Appointment  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Samantha VanDerSlake** to the 10-month, part-time probationary position of Teacher Aide, per ALESPA Agreement. The probation period will begin September 1, 2026, and end September 1, 2027.
- 8 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- f) Motion by Crowley Second by Loucks  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint  
**Vicki Niver** to the 10-month, part-time probationary position of Bus  
Driver, per ALESPA Agreement. The probation period will begin  
September 1, 2026, and end September 1, 2027.

**Motion-Approval of  
Appointment**

8 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- g) Motion by Simpson Second by Kahm  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint  
**Kathleen Wesley-Brown** to the 10-month, part-time probationary  
position of Teacher Aide, per ALESPA Agreement. The probation  
period will begin September 1, 2026, and end September 1, 2027.

**Motion-Approval of  
Appointment**

8 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- h) Motion by Loucks Second by Simpson  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint  
**Brad Emery** as a Long-term Substitute Science Teacher, effective  
September 1, 2026, at Step 3.

**Motion-Approval of  
Appointment**

8 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

16) New Business-None

- 17) Adjournment  
Motion by Nuss Second by Loucks  
To adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

**Motion-To Adjourn**

8 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Colburn-District Clerk  
Date: 9/2/26